

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A method of eliminating pollutants contained in an elastomer part, said method being characterized in that it comprises a step of extracting pollutants by immersing the part in a solvent, said solvent being ethanol.

2. (original): A method according to claim 1, in which said extraction step is performed in an extraction column in which the ethanol flows.

3. (currently amended): A method according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, in which said extraction step is performed at a temperature lying in the range 20°C to 75°C, and preferably in the range 25°C to 70°C.

4. (currently amended): A method according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which said extraction step is conducted over a duration lying in the range 1 h to 72 h, and preferably in the range 2 h to 48 h.

5. (currently amended): A method according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which said pollutants are pollutants of low molecular weight.

6. (currently amended): A method according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which said pollutants are pollutants of high molecular weight.

7. (currently amended): A method according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which said elastomer part is a pump gasket.

8. (currently amended): A method according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which the ethanol is renewed continuously during the pollutant extraction step.